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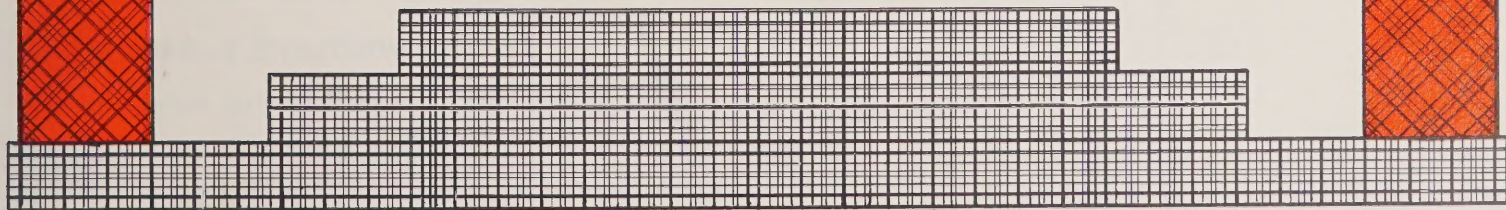
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Dear Brother Bob;

Well at long last I have completed my journey from North Carolina to Alaska. It was an interesting trip and far from uneventful. Alaska is turning white and the temperatures are beginning to drop which brings back memories of last winter in N. C.

I am writing to inform you of my new address. I would hate to miss my copy of the Bagpipe, and even more important I am very anxious to receive my Service Award from the Spring Reunion.

I will be thinking of you in Nov. and wishing I was there to attend the Fall Reunion. As I told you in my last letter; I will always remember North Carolina and especially New Bern for all the light in Masonry I received through my experiences with Scottish Rite Masonry there.

I have not as yet attended any Scottish Rite meetings here, but as soon as I get squared away here I certainly plan to become as active as I can.

Again Bro. Bob and all of the brethren there with you, thank you for sharing your light with me.

Fraternally yours,
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SECRETARY'S PAGE

The Heritage Reunion is now a matter of history. It was a wonderful three days, reflected not only in the large number of candidates, but also in the tremendous number of our members who registered for the event. As usual, the degree teams performed admirably and it continues to be a source of admiration that our Brethren should exhibit such a high degree of dramatic skill. Our Brethren who perform so beautifully on the stage in the portrayal of the degrees have been long noted for their record of perfection in the exemplification of the degrees. Their performance during the three days of this Reunion served to intensify the inspiration which the candidates received during the Reunion.

The Tuesday evening banquet hour was given over to the awarding of the medals which had been won by the Brethren and also to a recognition of the five Brethren who had been coronetted with the rank and dignity of Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary, or as we more popularly refer to it: the Thirty-Third degree. These newly crowned Brethren were presented with their white caps and a brief biography of each one was read. These had been elected by the Supreme Council in their biennial session in Washington, D. C. during the month of October 1973.

All of the five Brethren mentioned, together with an accompanying delegation of other 33° Brethren from our Valley, attended the Supreme Council session and were appropriately crowned during the beautiful ceremony of the Thirty-Third degree. These Brethren are as follows: Lee F. Dorsey, Thomas J. Mitchell, III, S. Franklin Noble, M. J. Stokes and C. Neil Vester.

The Supreme Council added another fine degree of recognition of the splendid work being done in our Valley, by electing, upon the nomination of our Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Brother James G. Johnston, 33°, of Charlotte, fifteen of our Brethren to receive the Investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour. These Brethren were inducted into this Investiture in the Masonic Temple in Greensboro, November 10th, in a very impressive ceremony conducted by the Brethren of the Greensboro Valley. These fifteen Brethren were also presented with their caps during the Tuesday night Banquet hour of our Reunion. They are as follows: S. Russell Bray, Jr., Joseph Q. Dickerson, Charles F. Dickinson, Sr., Allen C. Edens, Jr., Leslie H. Garner, Irvin S. Garrish, Robert R. Harrison, A. D. Hatsell, Cicero F. Lewis, C. North Nelson, M. D. Opphile, Wilton F. Walker, Jr., Johnny R. West, Dallas R. Willis and Clarence L. Willoughby.

On Wednesday evening the Brethren were privileged to listen to an address by our distinguished Sovereign Grand Inspector General Brother Johnston, who challenged them to continue the wonderful work they had been doing.

We are now looking forward to our Spring Reunion on April 9, 10 and 11, 1973. The members of this Heritage Class have promised to make every effort to bring at least one candidate with them and we know that we can count on them to make good on their promises.

And please don't forget that our annual Christmas Open House will be observed in this Temple on Sunday afternoon, December 16th, beginning at 3:30 o'clock and continuing until 6:30 P.M. The Temple will be decorated throughout in the Christmas motif and you are extended a cordial invitation to visit your Temple and to bring your family with you.

In the meantime, all of us in the office extend to you the wish that your Christmas will be filled with such moments of enjoyment and inner peace as will suit your individual need, together with an expression of hope for a Prosperous and Successful New Year.

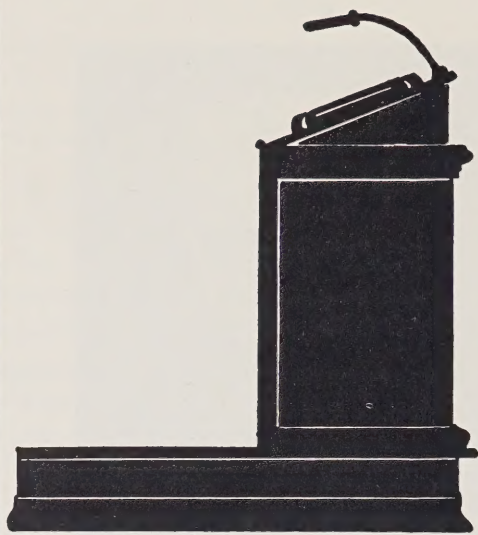
Sincerely,

R. L. Pugh

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Robert L. Pugh, 33°



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From The Classroom



BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY REACHES OUT FOR A MAN'S FAITH

Scottish Masonry reaches out for a man's faith. IT calls for the best that is within him. Scottish Rite Masonry teaches us unity, immutability, goodness and immortality. There is a definite relationship with religion, in that many of its teachings come from the very heart of christianity. Scottish Masonry is not purely speculative but it is also practical. Man's life is not measured by days, months and years but by what we have done for others. An ordinary, useless life is short, though it matches the life of an oak tree in the forest. "He who spends his life furthering the cause of service adds to his stature" according to our Movement.

The Founding Fathers of our Movement placed these things at the top in order to attract the best that is within us. It was much like the Sermon on The Mount. Jesus wanted his principles to

be high, noble and free to attract the highest within man. We were created by the Supreme Architect, just a little lower than the angels with possibilities to give, to do and to share. Here is where we, as the highest of God's creations, come into the picture.

The Scottish Rite reaches out for these possibilities and inspires a man to want to reach out and upward and into the stream of living life at its fullest. Thus, we can see that a person who has no desire to achieve, who can not see beyond his or her self, is a pathetic creature. Our real joy comes from others. The happiest moments we can recall involves others, our families, our friends and our neighbors.

Our Movement is one of the fairest flowers found in all of the gardens of the earth. Fraternity is one of the most beautiful of its flowers. The fragrance of this flower throws about it the sunshine of friendship and the dew drops of charity and love; protecting the living, soothing the dying, holding in remembrance the dead and assisting with those left behind. Love, friendship and helpfulness make this a happy environment.

The God of humanity has inspired within us something grander and nobler than SELF. This fact alone, is tender proof that Scottish Masonry reaches out for a man's faith - the very best that we have to offer to those round about us.

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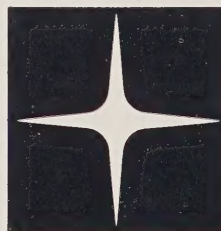
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All Master Masons and their families are extended a cordial invitation to visit us at any time during the Open House observance. The Temple will be decorated with the Christmas theme and refreshments will be served. Come and spend a few moments of quiet Christmas relaxation with us. Santa Claus will visit us in the latter part of the afternoon.



This year is destined to be one of the most memorable of my life.

Beginning with the year 1932, when I was humbly but gratefully honored with the, then highest award in DeMolay, "Representative Demolay", followed, almost immediately, by being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in March of 1933.

Now, forty years later I have been honored as one of the recipients of the degree of "Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary" the 33°. Then being asked by our Secretary Bob (and Asst. Editor Florie) if I would attempt to fill in with a column for the Bagpipe.

Well, here is the attempt. It was suggested that I keep it on the "light" side and I certainly have no illusions that I could do anything more than just "light-ly".

I thank you, my brethren, for your indulgence and ask if you have any comments, pro or con, please do not hesitate.

Speaking at the Reunion: Things I overheard;

Premier Khrushchev agreed to sign the nonaggression pact with President Kennedy under one condition - that Kennedy declare publicly that Adam and Eve were communists.

Kennedy was perplexed by this demand but decided to consult a famous biblical scholar.

"Certainly", the scholar told President Kennedy, "you can say that Adam and Eve were communists. After all, they did not have a stitch of clothes on their bodies, they had nothing to eat but apples and they still thought they were in Paradise".

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A little boy visited Santa Claus at a department store:

"And what do you want for Christmas?" Santa asked.

"Nothing," the little boy replied. "We don't celebrate Christmas. We celebrate Chanukah."

"All right then," Santa said, "what do you want for Chanukah?"

"A Christmas tree," the little boy replied.

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Adam was walking with his two boys, Cain and Abel. As they were walking, they came to the ruins of the once lovely Garden of Paradise. Adam paused and said to his two sons, "Boys, this is where

your mother ate us out of house and home."

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"If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it." *Calvin Coolidge*

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Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Think of all the cholesterol.

Speaking in jest: An Irishman from Belfast immigrated to the United States and promptly went to an employment agency. "Oh, so you're from Northern Ireland," commented the interviewer. "Tell me what are things really like there?"

"They could be worse" the immigrant noted laconically.

"And what was your last job in Belfast?"

"Tail gunner on a bread truck."

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Gourmets can't agree on the merits of German-Chinese cuisine. The food is great, but half an hour later you're hungry for power.

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"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. There's no use making a fool of yourself." *W. C. Fields*

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I had one of the brethren tell me the other day, "I understand you have a very successful business, but don't worry. There's always unemployment insurance.

The same "kind" brother said, "I hear you're a financial wizard and that you've already learned how to keep two sets of books."

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I surprised my wife the other evening with a "small" gift. Her retort was, "You certainly surprised me with that gift. I didn't even know you had a piggy bank. You certainly are fighting inflation almost singlehandedly."

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Speaking Seriously: It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have these three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and the prudence never to practice either of them. *M. Twain*

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Happiness is not in strength, or wealth, or power, or all three. It lies in ourselves, in true freedom, in the conquest of every ignoble fear, in perfect self-government, in a power of contentment and peace, and the even flow of life, even in poverty, exile, disease and the very valley of the shadow of death. *Epictetus*

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Perfect wisdom hath four parts: wisdom, the principle of doing things right; Justice, the principle of doing things equally in public and private; fortitude, the principle of not flying danger, but meeting it; and temperance, the principle of subduing desires, and living moderately. *Plato*

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Reputation is what men and women think of us. Character is what God and the angels know of us. *T. Paine*

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A Christmas Thought:

This Christmas, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Share some treasure. Write a love letter. Keep a promise. Give a soft answer. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Forgive an enemy. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Find the Time. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Be kind; be gentle.

YOUR TEMPLE PERSONNEL JOIN WITH YOUR OFFICERS IN EXTENDING THEIR SINCEREST WISHES FOR

A Merry Christmas AND PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS IN THE *New Year*

Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Secretary
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Maceo Bragg, Jr.

Appreciate. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again.

These are but inklings of a vast category; a mere scratching of the surface. They are simple things; you have heard them all before; but their influence has never been measured.

Christmas is a celebration, and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning - with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the significance of the first Christmas -

to savor in the inward ear the wild, sweet music of the angel choir; to envision the star-struck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids, the ray of light that fell athwart a darkened path and changed the world.

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Speaking from His Book:

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 13:7

Congratulations to our newest Masters of the Royal Secret.

May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Most Happy and Success-full New Year.

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

I have had it all the way up to my Adam's apple with these people who make a profession of trying to tear down everything this country has ever believed in. I'm talking about these people who nose around in America's history until they discover even a mere hint that some of our old patriots were just a shade less than saints and then try to sell us on the idea that our country was founded by a bunch of immoral bigots.

During the past few months it has been alleged by various muckraking historians that such old patriots as George Washington and Ben Franklin, to mention a couple, were, among other things, incompetent, licentious and treasonous.

Well, I'm not going to believe that junk. I suppose, in some eyes, I'm being shut-minded when I simply say that I don't *want* to believe it. But if it brings tears to your eyes when "America The Beautiful" is sung, if you try to stand just a little straighter each time you hear our national anthem, if you think Old Glory flying in the wind is one of the most beautiful sights ever devised by human hands; if you feel that way about those things you have to have a basis for your faith, something to believe in.

You don't do a man any favor when you destroy his faith in something. I don't think I ever despised anyone more heartily than I despised, for a while, the boy who first revealed to me certain pertinent facts about Santa Claus. And after all these years I still firmly believe that it wasn't hurting me any to believe in Santa Claus.

If a belief in something is illfounded, and if that belief is bringing, or will bring, harm to you or others, then a



Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

revelation is to be welcomed and the revealer is to be praised. But what harm has ever befallen anyone because of their belief in the greatness of America and its founders?

A little prying around *will* undoubtedly reveal that our old heroes were, after all, only mortals and thus susceptible to temptations and weaknesses and the like; but I believe it is firmly established that those men who sacrificed their lives and fortunes to insure the future of a great and free America were true patriots and merit our everlasting praise and gratitude.

That is what I *want* to believe; that is what I am *going* to believe.

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A NEW AUTHOR ADDED TO THE BAGPIPE STAFF

This issue of the *Bagpipe* contains a feature that we are happy to recommend to our Brethren.

Up until several months ago Brother Paul Stevens had contributed an article which brought many interesting truths to the Brethren in a lighter vein. Unfortunately, Brother Stevens was forced to discontinue his efforts in this respect and he accordingly surrendered the responsibility.

One of our newly crowned Thirty-Third degree members, Brother C. Neil Vester, who is also the Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, has taken over this responsibility and we present in this issue the first of his series of articles.

Brother Vester is one of our most outstanding members. All those candidates who have been privileged to witness his various performances on the stage while enacting certain roles of the degrees have been thrilled with his superlative performance. In addition to his activities in this respect, however, he has spent much time in visiting the various Scottish Rite Clubs throughout our jurisdiction on occasions as the featured speaker and then again, as a representative of the New Bern office to speak about the glories of the forthcoming Reunion. At all times he has ably represented our Craft and we are indeed proud of his efforts.

We are now equally proud to be able to present him to you in another capacity as he contributes to a new department of the *Bagpipe* entitled "Speaking More Lightly". We are sure you will enjoy this presentation in a lighter vein and we are happy to commend him and his writing to you.

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BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

WHY ARE WE HERE?

What sort of life is the overcoming life? Why are we set in the world? What does it mean to really conquer the world? These are some of the questions which confront each of us from time to time. It is a good thing to ponder these questions and arrive at a meaningful answer to each of them.

The world, as it has been designated in our masonic teaching, does not, as we all well understand mean the material and visible creation per se, but the aggregate of visible and material things and persons considered as separate from God; and if they are separate they will be antagonistic. So all these gracious things which God has set us in the midst of in order that they may hold and further our growth and assimilation to Him, may be so dealt with by each of us that they shall thwart the very purpose for which we and they exist, and come to be, instead of a medium by which we can get to God - a veil and barrier between us and Him.

The world as it comes from God is meant to be our stepping-stone to Him. Instead of a stepping-stone we make it to be a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence. If we give more emphasis to the notion of men as a band aggregated together apart from God, and constituting the world, then it comes pretty near to the same thing as idolatry of a great many people. That is what they call society and public opinion. What is represented in its discordant opinion as a successful life is the life that secures the greatest possible amount of what the



Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

world calls good, and by a failure is meant that life that does not get these prizes. If that is the true estimate of life, then it is pretty plain that the world conquers me, whether I have got a pretty big idea of it or not, whether either the possession of or the handering after any visible material creature or good comes stealing in between me and God, and intercepts my affections and desires, and hinders me from seeing the invisible made visible in the visible, and when men, so far as they are the world, ram their maxims down my throat and make them rules of my conduct.

No matter whether a man has succeeded in appropriating external blessings or not, he is a beaten man if the having of them or the wanting of them, or the lusting after them or the rejoicing in them blind his eyes to the designs of God and has shut out the glories that are beyond.

Victory lies in using the world for what God meant it when He made it and after He made it, made you. Defeat means the failure to appropriate, apprehend, and appreciate these high purposes. If, with the removal of the blindfold, which has hidden the true light, I see God and may be helped to see Him by beholding His glories in some veiled symbols, illustrations, and designs; if I have done this, then the world has served its highest purpose to me, and I have conquered.

The eminent thinker, Fenelon, has given us something of which to ponder. With that thought, I ask again "Why are we here?" - I also find the answer to my question: "Time is given us that we may take care for eternity; and eternity will not be too long to regret the loss of our time if we have misspent it."

ED BLAIR HONORED AS WRITER

Scottish Rite Masons, especially those in the Valley of New Bern, will be thrilled with the November issue of the New Age magazine. Sometime ago our Brethren were informed that Brother Ed Blair, 33°, the very popular lecturer for the Scottish Rite degrees, had been signally honored by the Editor of the New Age magazine.

This recognition came into being when the November issue reprinted the article which Brother Blair had written previously for the Bagpipe entitled, "How High Can You Fly?" This article was based upon the fascinating little book recently published and entitled "Jonathan Livingston Seagull".

We once again direct the attention of our Brethren to this article because we know that the thought that is embodied in the interesting article from the pen of our beloved Brother will provide inspiration for them.

We congratulate Brother Blair upon this signal recognition. It is a fitting tribute to his skill and ability as a speaker and as a writer and we are proud to say that he is one of our very own.

So, congratulations, Ed Blair, and may your life continue to shine in behalf of Masonry of the Scottish Rite!

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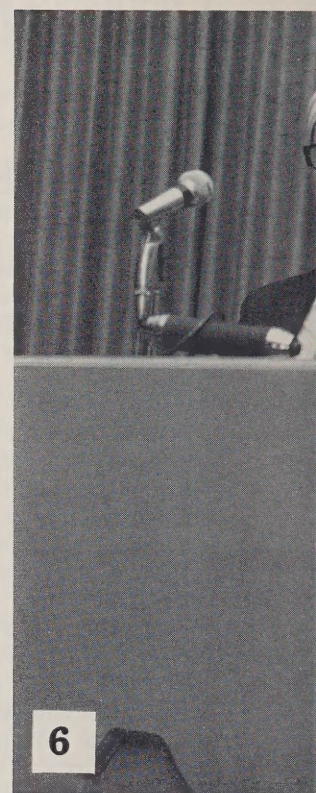
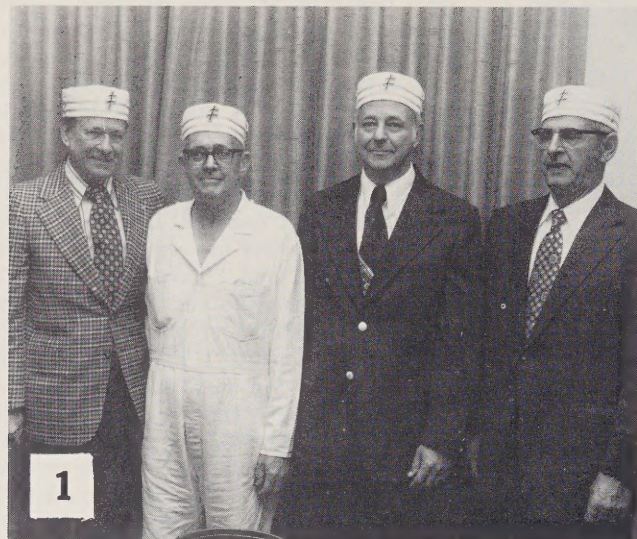
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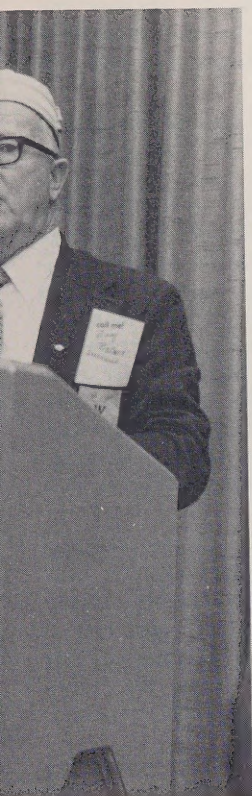
HIGHLIGHTS — FALL REUNION



1. Four of our newly crowned Thirty-Third degree Masons: Neil Vester, Buz Mitchell, Frank Noble and Lee Dorsey. (Jeff Stokes was not present when the picture was made)
2. A few of our very attentive Brethren.
3. Our newly invested Knights Commander.
4. Our Imperial High Priest and Prophet and Beloved Brother Harvey W. Smith, 33°.

5. Nelson B. Banks making the gift presentation.
6. Jimmy Brewer recognizes the distinguished guests.
7. A portion of the head table.
8. Past Grand Master "Shorty Kafer", 33° Center from Sarah Johnston.

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receiving the gift to the Meditation

9. Nelson Banks in a humorous defense against "interesting traffic charges" made by Hal Banks, Ahoskie, at the Banquet hour.
10. Sarah Johnston graciously accepting the gift from her Scottish Rite friends.
11. After the banquet they were advancing to the head table.
12. Eight of our Fifty-Year Veterans representing almost 500 years in the Scottish Rite.

SCOTTISH CLUBS RITE



Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Thursday night November 8, 1973, at "Buck Overton's Riverside Restaurant" Jamesville, N. C. All present enjoyed a dinner of fried chicken and barbecue.

How the American people need the great teachings of Scottish Rite Masonry today. The political sky of today is overcast with dark clouds. The vast sea of human existence is at unrest, and if we should lose sight of Bethlehem's star, well - the heart grows faint at the thought of what might be the possible outcome.

It is not uncommon in this age to hear someone state unbelief. To hear one say that God does not exist or is dead hardly shocks us at all anymore. That is, unless we realize and consider the utterly tragic

consequences of infidelity.

The Psalmist of the Old Testament declared, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'". The impact of this divinely-inspired statement is absolutely devastating. Oh, that the unbelieving could see the end of their lack of faith!

It is significant to notice that the evidence which the Bible offers to the existence of God is simple and obvious. The Bible principally affirms that God is, and that the whole of creation attests to his power, glory, and divinity. The honest

heart sees that there is a God, while the "wise man" of the world, ignores the fundamental evidence of the handiwork of God and His manifested greatness and remains in unbelief.

Selfishness so often clouds the minds of humans. We have our hearts set on doing the things that seem pleasing to the flesh and we refuse to let anything interfere with our self-centered desires and passions. Many will not permit themselves to believe in God, because they are aware that faith in the Creator demands that one submit to Him or perish through eternity. Many people are so deeply overtaken in the love of this world, that they are more readily willing to deny God than to accept the fact of His existence and face their condemned state in disobedience to Him.

The very fact that God created us gives Him the right to rule over us. Yet man is often disposed to contradict reason saying to God, "I will not hear you or obey." In an effort to avoid this obvious inconsistency many just deny that there is a living God, supposedly relieving

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them from His rule.

But, denial of the truth does not make the truth a lie. So it is with God. To say that he is not or that He is dead, doesn't make Him any less alive or real.

Sadly enough, even those of us who profess belief in God refuse to submit to His authority. We are indeed a rebellious people and we shall pay the price.

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'. This is not a human idea. This is simply a statement of truth from the God who is being denied. He has revealed Himself to man, yet man will not receive His word.

The man who denies God is without wisdom. But is the man any wiser than the infidel who says he believes God and yet does not His will? They are both in a state of utter hopelessness except they turn to God.

Nations have been born and have become great; many have declined and passed away; monarchs and emperors have oppressed the groaning millions and kings have strutted their brief hour upon the stage, while despots and political rulers have either crushed the masses or slain in the pretended interests of a mistaken religion. Yet there is a survival of the fittest. As in manhood we lay aside childhood speaking, childhood thinking, childhood understanding, so when that which is perfect is come that which is in part is done away. Philosophies, forms of government, systems of religion and ideals of men come in the order once for all and pass away. David's Lord, Job's

Daysman, Joseph Shiloh, was but one person, the "Wonderful, Counsellor" of Isaiah, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. The way the truth and the life.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Secretary

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club was host to the Beaufort, Martin and Washington Counties Ladies' Night, Wednesday, October 24th. The meeting was held in the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St. The Order of the Eastern Star served the meal to some 150 members and guests.

Kenneth Seal was the Master of Ceremonies and Rev. Ray Alexander gave the

invocation.

Charlie Potter, a 33rd degree Mason brought greetings from the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of New Bern and invited everyone to attend the reunion in New Bern November 13, 14, and 15th. He gave a special invitation to the wives of the candidates, explaining the planned program scheduled for their entertainment.

The Rev. James H. Coile, minister of the United Methodist Church of Trenton, N. C. gave the principal address. He told of his experience and what the Scottish Rite degrees meant to him. The speaker also said that he had never heard of a man who had witnessed the 32 degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry and was dissatisfied. He advised the wives of all Scottish Rite members, that if their husbands were not better men after taking these

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degrees, they had better do some checking and find out where he had been while he was supposed to be taking them, because if he was not a better man it was because he did not witness the degrees. Then to the candidates wives he added, "go with you husbands to New Bern".

Dr. Karl Vanhorn, president of the Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club, announced that the November meeting of this club had been cancelled and the next regular meeting would be held Sunday, December 2nd at the Washington Lodge on W. 5th St., this will be a covered-dish supper. Dr. Ray Alexander gave the benediction.

Ashley G. Leggett

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Ladies' Night

Ladies' Night Scottish Rite Party sponsored by New Bern Consistory No. 3, was held in the Masonic Temple at Elizabeth City, Wednesday night October 31st. The dinner was served by the Elizabeth City Chapter O.E.S., with turkey and all the trimmings.

Thanksgiving decorations were used which added to the festivities for the 225 members, their ladies and prospective Candidates.

Brother John D. Sanderlin, 32°, President of the Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club was toastmaster, invocation was given by Brother Cosby S. Jones, address of welcome W. M. Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H.,

response W. T. Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Brother Louis S. Bell, 32° gave a talk on the Forthcoming Reunion, Brother Francis W. Clark, 33°, introduced Brother Wilton F. Walker, Jr., 32° who made a very fine talk on Scottish Rite Masonry.

The Benediction was given by Brother C. E. Bunch, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Fort Bragg Scottish Rite Ladies' Night

On Wednesday night, October 24th, approximately 150 Scottish Rite Masons, their ladies, guests, and prospective candidates assembled in the Horace Ziglar Banquet Hall of Fort Bragg Lodge No. 667.

After an invocation by Brother R. Vincent McBryde, 33°, the group settled down to enjoy a delicious chicken dinner, prepared and served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The Toastmaster, Brother Charles G. Harrill, Sr., 32°, K.C.C.H., then called upon Brother Thomas R. Young, 32°, Master of Fort Bragg Lodge, who welcomed the assembly and said it is always a pleasure to have the Scottish Rite La-

dies Night parties.

The toastmaster then called upon Sister Mary Taylor, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, who presented all those who helped prepare and serve the meal. They were greeted with a round of applause for the splendid job that they had done.

Visiting dignitaries, including all 33° members, K.C.C.H.'s, and Masters, Past and Present, of the lodges represented were then introduced.

The Toastmaster then introduced Brother Neil Vester, 33°, of New Bern, who gave us the highlights of the forthcoming Reunion.

Brother David C. Smith, 32°, was called upon to introduce the speaker of the evening, Rev. Allen C. Edens, 32°, K.C.C.H., who gave us a most interesting and inspiring talk on Scottish Rite Masonry, what it has meant to him and pointing out that no one can take the degrees

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The Toastmaster then urged all Scottish Rite Masons to get busy, so we can have a good group from Cumberland County.

Brother McBryde then pronounced the benediction and all wended their way to their respective homes, filled with enthusiasm for the Scottish Rite and our forthcoming reunion.

Greenville Ladies' Night Party

One of the most enjoyable social events of the pre-reunion events of the various Scottish Rite Clubs was held in Greenville on Friday night October 26th, when the Pitt County Scottish Rite Club hosted the annual ladies' night party sponsored by the New Bern Consistory No. 3. This party is given for the members of the local Scottish Rite and their ladies for for an evening of fellowship one with

another. At this time the members invite those Master Masons that haven't taken the work as their guests.

The party in Greenville was held at the Greenville Masonic Temple, in the Sugg-Whichard dining room. After a delicious fried chicken dinner, served by the ladies of Greenville Chapter No. 149 of the Order of the Eastern Star, a short but interesting program was presented.

Brother Donald C. McLane, president of the Pitt County Scottish Rite Club served as Master of Ceremonies, and gave the address of welcome. The invocation was given by Brother Adrian Brown. Distinguished guests were introduced by Brother James W. Brewer. The speaker of the evening was Brother G. Henry Leslie, who was introduced by Brother James W. Brewer. Brother Leslie gave a most interesting and informative talk on Scottish Rite Masonry. He interspersed, with some remarks concerning the differences between the Northern and Southern jurisdictions. This proved to be very interesting to those present. Following the address the party adjourned with prayer by Brother Adrian Brown.

Quite a bit of enthusiasm was created

by this party and several prospective candidates indicated that they would be in the class at New Bern, November 13, 14 and 15. In fact two petitions were received after the party. The local club expects to have several candidates in the class.

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Scottish Rite Club met at the Grifton Masonic Lodge on our regular meeting night. The meeting was called to order by R. D. Taylor Sec. Treas. After a brief discussion on what had happened since the last reunion, we planned to have a steak supper for all of our prospective candidates at the Grifton V.F.W. building just prior to the reunion.

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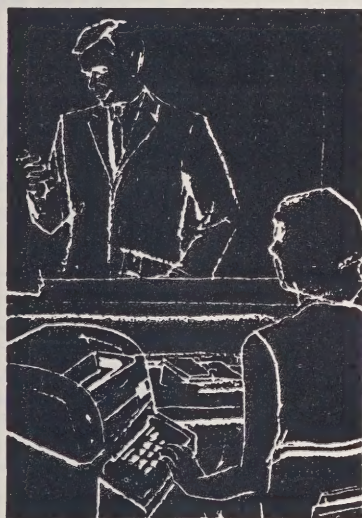
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great deal of interest in this reunion and to have a good representation from Grif-ton and Ayden in the class.

See you there.

Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club met September 28, 1973, at the Lenoir County Shrine Club. A delicious supper of country style steak and all that goes with it was enjoyed by all present. The invocation was given by Brother Joe Parker. After supper, the meeting was called to order by President Ray Newell. Plans for our Scottish Rite Ladies Night were discussed. It will be held at the Shrine Club October 31.

A short talk on Scottish Rite Masonry was given by Brother Joe Parker. We really put Brother Joe to work when we have him around. He is a great asset to our Club.

There being no further business to come before the Club, the meeting was closed with the benediction given by Brother Joe Parker. There were 30 in attendance.

Marvin Kornegay, Secretary

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club entertained their ladies and prospective candidates and their wives at a barbeque chicken dinner on October 27, 1973, at 6:00 P.M. in the C. A. Seifert Dining Room of the Temple. The food was prepared and cooked at the home of Brother Johnny R. West with the assistance of Brothers Charles Dickinson and Eddie Paul, Jr. Brother C. Neil Vester, acting

as Master of Ceremonies, welcomed the guests and called upon the Secretary, Harry J. MacDonald, who presented to Brother Robert L. Pugh a large Masonic Bible recently purchased by the New Bern Scottish Rite Club and appropriately inscribed, "Presented to the Robert L. Pugh Meditation Center in Honor of Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, October 1, 1973." Brother Pugh accepted the Bible and stated that this presentation filled a great need in the development of the Center. Brother Pugh told of the planning and work that had made the Meditation Center possible, naming those who had labored to execute the plans, as well as so many individuals and groups that had provided gifts, furnishings and services that resulted in the realization of this valuable addition to the Temple. Brother Pugh asked all present to repair to the Meditation Center at the end of the banquet when the Bible would be placed upon the altar there.

Brother Pugh recognized the members of the Club, Brothers Charles Dickinson, North Nelson, and Johnny West, who had been elected to receive the investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour at the October Session of The Supreme Council, 33°. He requested the respective wife of each to place upon her husband's head the red cap he will receive officially in Greensboro November 10, 1973.

Brother Harry J. MacDonald was then called upon to perform the same function in presenting the white caps to the respective wife of Brother Frank Noble and Brother Neil Vester, upon both of which brethren the Thirty-Third Degree was conferred in Washington, D. C. in October. The wife of each placed the cap upon her husband's head and a kiss upon

his lips.

Brother Robert L. Pugh addressed the group on the teachings and tenets of Scottish Masonry.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the entire group reassembled in the Robert L. Pugh Meditation Center where the Bible presented at the banquet was placed upon the altar with an impressive prayer.

Fifty members and guests attended the banquet.

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Edgecombe-Nash	5
Franklin	1
Gates	1
Halifax	8
Harnett	1
Hertford	14
Hyde	2
Jones	1
Lenoir	4
Martin	1
Nash	1
Northampton	6

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Roy T. Joyner, 32°, Rich Square, N. C.	October 14, 1973
Luther J. Davis, 32°, South Mills, N. C.	September 29, 1973
John W. Herbin, 32°, Morehead City, N. C.	October 4, 1973
Richard Harper Hester, Sr., 32°, Jacksonville, Fla.	February 16, 1973
Winston Swindell Wheeler, 32°, Kinston, N. C.	March 25, 1973
Mark Charles Lasitter, Jr., 32°, Snow Hill, N. C.	November 1, 1973
Horace A. Phillips, 32°, Hubert, N. C.	October 15, 1972
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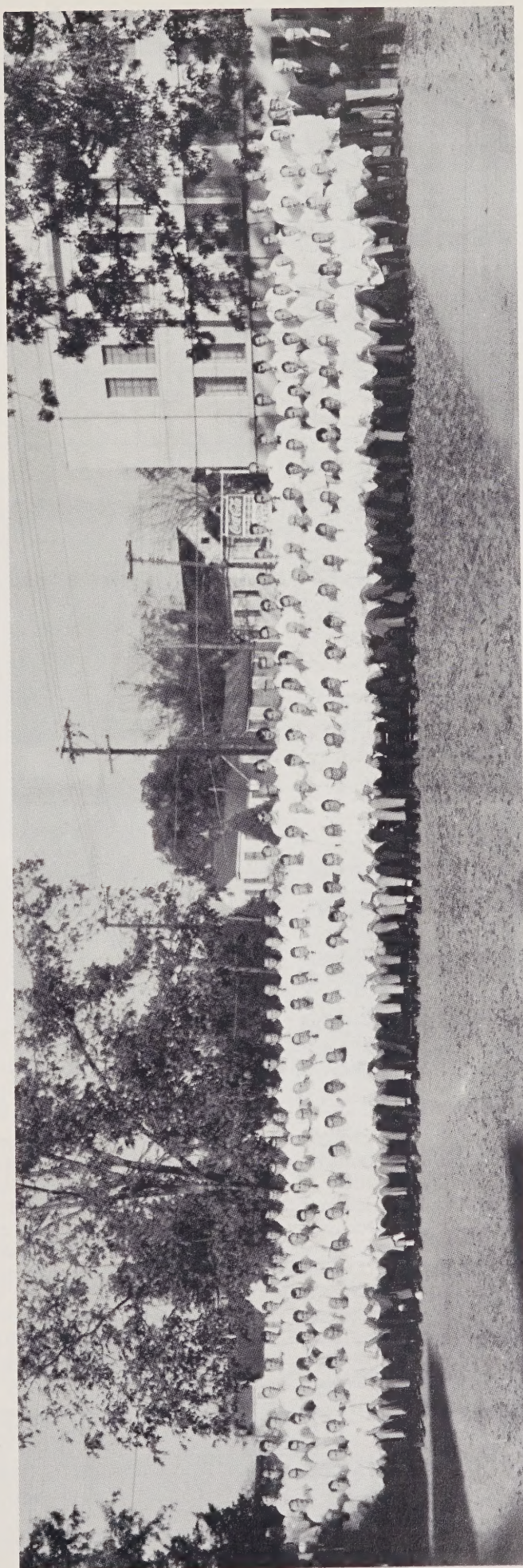
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